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DIAMOND HEAD SUMMIT TRAIL CLOSURES SET FOR NEXT 3 THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Phase 3 work progresses with concrete pours by helicopter

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will again close the Diamond Head summit trail in the afternoon on Thursday, March 31, as part of an ongoing phase of summit trail improvements.

For public safety, the Division of State Parks will close the summit trail at noon so that contractor Global Specialty can bring in a helicopter to pour concrete in and around the lower lookout area along the trail, which is presently closed during construction. The summit trail will be closed for the rest of Thursday, and reopen normal hours (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.) on Friday. Similar afternoon closures will also take place on Thursday April 7 and 14.

Trail improvements now underway include repair to a lower lookout area at the base of the long stairway (not to be confused with the summit viewing area). Construction has started on a new summit loop trail. Next will be repairs to the narrow ledge where hikers exit the fire control station at the summit.

"Our contractor firm is doing its best to limit trail closures," said William J. Aila, DLNR interim chairperson. "We appreciate the public's patience and cooperation as we work to make the trail a better and safer experience."

State Parks personnel will be stationed at the summit and escort people down starting at 1 p.m. The trail will not reopen for the rest of that day. DLNR appreciates the public's patience and cooperation during this brief closure.

State Parks recently completed a second phase of trail repairs, surfacing and rockfall prevention and drainage work to address erosion and heavy use of the existing summit trail.

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New Stairs From Lookout To New Section Of Trail



New Section Of Loop Trail